

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/13/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-20, as amended on 2/13/2007 with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, are pending in the instant application. Applicant's arguments submitted 2/13/2007 have been carefully and fully considered, and are persuasive. The grounds of rejection presented in the Final Office action of 11/13/2006 are withdrawn.

Accordingly, this application is in condition for allowance.

Reasons for Allowance

2. **Claims 1-20** are allowed.

3. **Claim 1** has been amended to recite the limitation "*the control means determining, prior to the execution of a task, whether or not processing of the task is possible only with access to the cache in accordance with the amount of memory needed to process the task, and then, when it is determined that the processing is possible, inhibiting access to the external memory*". This limitation is taught by the specification at least at page 32 line 21 through page 33 line 1, and is argued by Applicant in pages 11-12 of the remarks filed 2/13/2007. This limitation, in combination with the other recited limitations of claim 1, is not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

4. **Claims 2-8** depend from claim 1, and are considered allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

5. **Claim 9** has been amended to recite the limitation "*the CPU including control means for determining, prior to the execution of a task, whether or not processing of the*

task is possible only with access to the cache in accordance with the amount of memory needed to process the task, and then, when it is determined that the processing is possible, inhibiting access to the external memory". This limitation is taught by the specification at least at page 32 line 21 through page 33 line 1, and is argued by Applicant in pages 11-12 of the remarks filed 2/13/2007. This limitation, in combination with the other recited limitations of claim 9, is not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

6. **Claim 10** depends from claim 9, and is considered allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 9.

7. **Claim 11** has been amended to recite the limitation "*determining, prior to the execution of a task, whether or not processing of the task is possible only with access to the cache in accordance with the amount of memory needed to process the task*". This limitation is taught by the specification at least at page 32 line 21 through page 33 line 1, and is argued by Applicant in pages 11-12 of the remarks filed 2/13/2007. This limitation, in combination with the other recited limitations of claim 11, is not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

8. **Claims 12-18** depend from claim 11, and are considered allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 11.

9. **Claim 19** has been amended to recite the limitation "*the controller determines, prior to the execution of a task, whether or not processing of the task is possible only with access to the cache in accordance with the amount of memory needed to process the task, and then, when it is determined that the processing is possible, inhibiting*

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access to the external memory". This limitation is taught by the specification at least at page 32 line 21 through page 33 line 1, and is argued by Applicant in pages 11-12 of the remarks filed 2/13/2007. This limitation, in combination with the other recited limitations of claim 19, is not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

10. **Claim 20** has been amended to recite the limitation "wherein the CPU including a controller which determines, prior to the execution of a task, whether or not processing of the task is possible only with access to the cache in accordance with the amount of memory needed to process the task, and then, when it is determined that the processing is possible, inhibiting access to the external memory". This limitation is taught by the specification at least at page 32 line 21 through page 33 line 1, and is argued by Applicant in pages 11-12 of the remarks filed 2/13/2007. This limitation, in combination with the other recited limitations of claim 20, is not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jared I. Rutz whose telephone number is (571) 272-5535. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

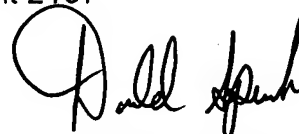
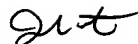
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